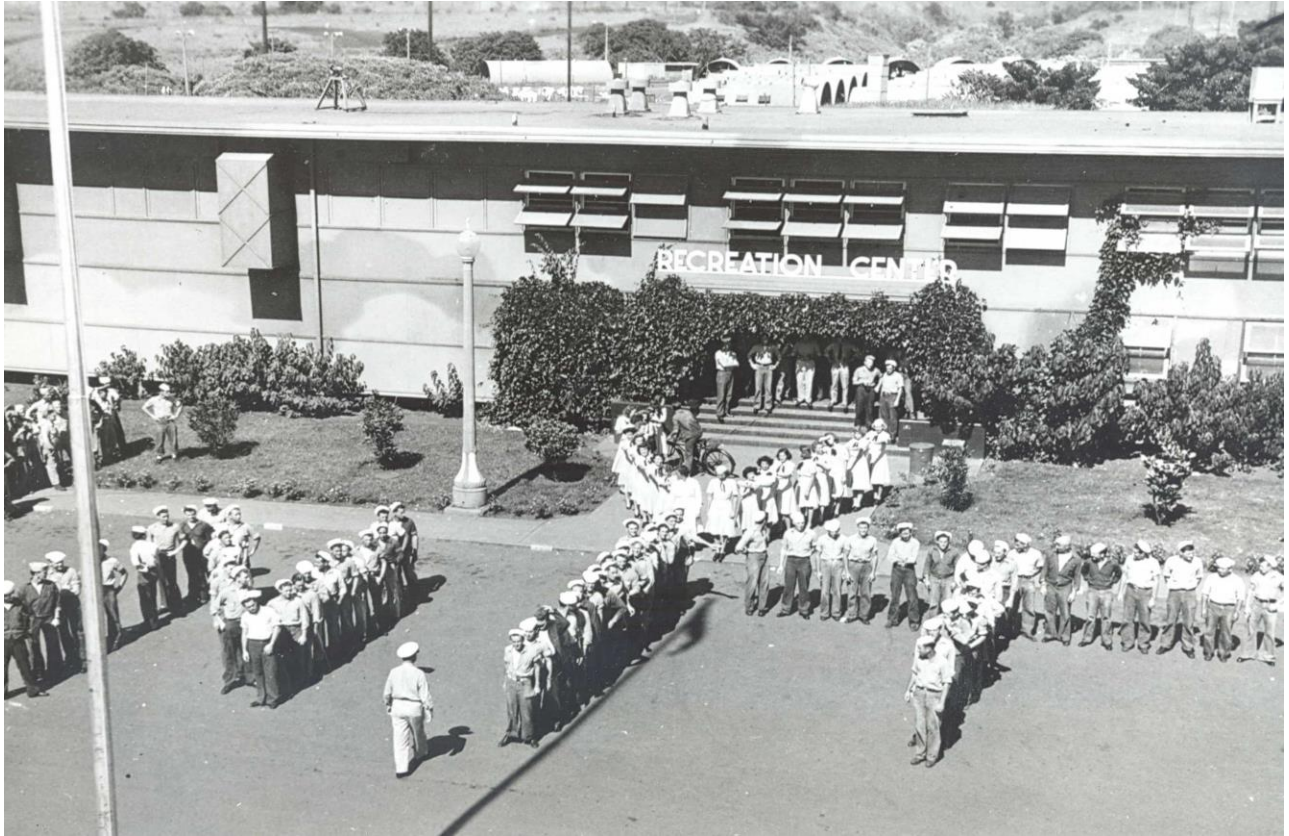


A Historical Mystery Solved! June 28



This photograph was “Puzzle Pix #1,” a *History Today* article that appeared in January 2016. We invited readers to identify the location and tell us what the activity was. Quite a few correspondents contacted us, but nobody had the correct answer. All we could agree on, though, was that this wasn’t about the *New York Times*.

Recently, while looking through a defunct NSA publication for something else, I happened upon this photo with a caption: “VJ Day at Wahiawa, Hawaii, U.S. Navy Communications Station. The sailors are forming the station callsign, ‘NIT.’” This, I believe, is what is called serendipity.

Some of us liked it better when the photo was still a mystery.

502 caption: sailors in formation in front of a building with signage saying "recreation center," standing in lines forming the letters N-I-T.